

CHAPTER 10

PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Section 1 Powers and Duties of the Planning Board

10-1-1 A planning board shall be appointed as provided in clause 7-7-1.

10-1-2 The board shall exercise such powers and duties as prescribed by general law, this charter, and by-law.

10-1-3 The board shall make recommendations to the Town Manager and to the Director of the Division of Planning and Community Development on all matters concerning the physical, economic, and environmental development of the town.

Section 2 Master Plan

10-2-1 The board shall be responsible for the development and periodic updating of a master or comprehensive plan. A summary of said plan shall be submitted to the Town Meeting, which shall adopt the summary, with or without amendments. After the summary has been acted on by the town, the planning board shall utilize the plan in making recommendations to the Town. The board shall report annually to the town on the status of the master plan.

Section 3 Industrial Development Financing Authority

10-3-1 An industrial development financing authority of five members shall be appointed by the Town Manager for five-year overlapping terms.

10-3-2 The authority shall exercise such powers and duties as prescribed by general law, this charter, and by-law.

Section 4 Industrial Commission

10-4-1 An industrial commission of five members shall be appointed by the Town Manager for three-year overlapping terms.

10-4-2 The commission shall exercise such powers and duties as prescribed by general law, this charter, and by-law.

Section 5 Coordination of Activities

10-5-1 It shall be the general responsibility of the Town Manager and/or the Director of the Division of Planning and Community Development, if appointed, to coordinate the activities of the town planner, the planning board, conservation commission, industrial authority, industrial commission, and other boards, commissions, and committee, except the board of appeals, concerned with the physical, economic, and environmental development of the Town.

CHAPTER 11

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Section 1 Effective Date

11-1-1 Except as provided for in this chapter, this charter shall be in full effect on the first day of October following its adoption by the voters.

11-1-2 This charter shall be in partial effect upon its adoption by the voters to permit the Board of Selectmen to immediately commence to search for a Town Manager. The provisions of 4-1-3 shall be inapplicable to the first Town Manager search and appointment made under this charter, and the appointment shall be made effective of the first day of September following its adoption.

Section 2 Continuation of Existing Laws

11-2-1 Except as specifically provided in this charter all general laws, special laws, town by-laws, votes, rules and regulations pertaining to the town which are in force when this charter takes effect and which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this charter shall continue in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by due course of law or expire by their own limitation.

Section 3 Continuation of Government

11-3-1 Except as specifically provided in this charter, all committees, commissions, councils, boards, departments, offices and other agencies of the town shall continue in existence and their incumbents shall continue to perform their duties until not reappointed, reelected, or until successors to their respective positions are duly appointed or elected or their duties have been transferred.

Section 4 Continuation of Personnel

11-4-1 Any person serving in the employment of the town shall retain such position and shall perform his duties until provisions shall have been made in accordance with this charter for the performance of said duties by another person or agency; provided, however, that no person in the permanent, full-time service or employment of the town shall forfeit his pay grade or time in service. All such persons shall be retained in a capacity as similar to their former capacity as it is practical so to do and shall be eligible for appointment to a position at a higher pay grade

11-4-2 All elected officers in office on the first day following the adoption of this charter shall each be allowed to complete his term of office. At the expiration of said term, said incumbents shall be eligible for appointment to an appointed position in the town's employ.